

December 14, 2016

via electronic filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte
Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology
CG Docket No. 16-145, GN Docket No. 15-178

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 11:40 am ET, Daudeline Meme of Commissioner Clyburn's office called Christian Vogler of Gallaudet University Technology Access Program, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH-RERC), and Gregg Vanderheiden of Trace Center at the University of Maryland, Universal Interface and Information Technology Access Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (UIITA-RERC) with questions regarding the above-referenced proceedings, and called Gregg Vanderheiden again at 12:52 pm ET for further clarification. In accordance with 47 CFR 1.1206(b), these communications took place under sunshine exemptions enumerated in 47 CFR 1.1203(a)(1) and 47 CFR 1.1204(a)(10).

During the calls, in response to Ms. Meme's questions, we referenced points expressed in the RERCs' and TDI's notices of ex parte filed on November 8, 2016¹ and December 9, 2016², respectively, and our ex parte filed on December 13, 2016³, in the same dockets. Specifically, we clarified points regarding interoperability, safe harbor standards, and the ability to support RTT and voice as part of the same call. We also reiterated comments regarding the essential nature of certain RTT implementation requirements, as well as appropriate flexibility for certain specific requirements pertaining to wireless RTT. We also reiterated that our top priority is seeing that the Commission takes advantage of the significant efforts, consensus-building, and compromises that have taken place throughout this proceeding by wireless carriers, industry stakeholders, consumers, academics, and the Commission, to ensure that RTT is interoperable and available to all users.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this filing.

¹ See DHH-RERC, UIITA-RERC, and Omnitor Notice of *Ex Parte*, Dkts. 16-145, 15-178 (Nov. 8, 2016).

² See TDI Notice of *Ex Parte*, Dkts. 16-145, 15-178 (Dec. 9, 2016).

³ See TDI and RERCs Notice of *Ex Parte*, Dkts. 16-145, 15-178 (Dec. 13, 2016).

Respectfully submitted,

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